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Dear Professor Lederberg:

I do not think that I will be able to attend the informal conference on the existence and detection of extraterrestrial life. I did not plan to attend the Moscow meeting of the International Union of Biochemistry, and it would require a special trip to attend the informal conference. In addition to the problem of finding travel money at this time, work would stop in my laboratory while I was away.

For these reasons, I regret that I shall have to decline the invitation to attend this conference, unless you still feel that I should attend.

Very sincerely yours.

Stanley L. Miller

P.S. I have not yet had a chance to look carefully into the problem of the hygrometer, but I shall do so shortly.

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